



## TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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### Minutes Board of Sewer Commissioners

Meeting: December 10, 2002

**Present:** Joseph Zecco, Chairman  
Paul Swydan, Secretary  
Paul Burnett  
Jack Perreault, Town Engineer  
Robert Tozeski, Superintendent Water & Sewer

The minutes from the meeting of November 12, 2002 were accepted as written.

1. The Board discussed the sewer issue regarding the Munro property, 967 Main Street. This issue had been previously discussed at prior meetings. Town Counsel recommended some type of settlement with the party involved to end the matter.

The Board voted 2-1 to participate in the cost of the pump system not to exceed 50% of the written estimate provided to the Board in correspondence dated July 12, 2002. Paul Swydan recommended only participating in the costs up to one third.

Participation in the cost would be contingent upon release of liability to the Town now and in future and payment would be made only upon paid valid invoices submitted to the Board and inspection of the work by the Town. Lastly, the Board wanted the work to be done in a timely manner to prevent any further occurrences this spring.

2. The Board next reviewed a proposal from Fay, Spofford and Thorndyke regarding the sewer system evaluation survey and infiltration/inflow removal. The work is in conjunction with the sewer consent order and proposal from the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The work would entail flow monitoring/isolation and other related work in the system. The Board recommended approval of this proposal. Funding would need to be approved at Town meeting for appropriation.

3. Jack Perreault, Town Engineer, spoke to the Board about sewer assessments for multifamily housing. The reason for concern is that the sewer assessments paid by these developments are often far less on a per-unit basis than on other forms of development. To remedy this problem a per-unit fee would provide an effective method of assessment.

The Board looked at different unit costs compared to the present area method. The Board recommended a \$3000/unit cost to be implemented. This would require approval at the February Town meeting and review by Town Counsel to check on legal issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Tozeski  
Superintendent Water & Sewer

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